

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A camera comprising:

a display using a dot-matrix which displays information about a photographic condition in arbitrary display form,

5 a selector which selects one of a plurality of display modes, display forms of which are different to each other, wherein standard information required for photographing is displayed as common information among the display modes, and wherein at least one piece of information inherent to each display mode is displayed, and

10 a controller which controls the display to display the one selected by the selector, and at a time of switching on the camera, to display a display mode which has been displayed at a time of switching off the camera previously.

15 2. The camera of Claim 1, wherein the standard information required for photographing is one of a film counter value, a shutter speed, and an aperture value.

20 3. The camera of Claim 1, wherein one of the plurality of display modes displays information in a display form including graphical displaying representation.

4. The camera of Claim 1, wherein one of the plurality of display modes is a list-up display mode 25 wherein information about a plurality of picture frames is

displayed in a list-up display form.

5. The camera of Claim 4, wherein another of the plurality of display modes is a detailed display mode wherein a detailed piece of information about the 5 information listed up in the list-up display mode is displayed in a detailed form.

6. The camera of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of display modes include, at least, a first display mode wherein a plurality of pieces of information about photography are displayed, and a second display mode wherein only specific information among the plurality of pieces of information about photography is displayed in an enlarged form.

7. The camera of Claim 6, wherein, in the second display mode, only information by letters can be enlarged.

8. The camera of Claim 1, wherein, when an operation is executed about a function, the information about which is not included in a display mode which is currently displayed, the controller controls the display to display a 20 sub-display mode wherein information about the function is included.

9. The camera of Claim 8, wherein the controller controls the display to return to the display mode which has been displayed just before the sub-display mode is 25 displayed, when a predetermined time elapses after the

display of the sub-display mode.

10. The camera of Claim 8, wherein the sub-display mode includes one of a depth of field display mode and a self-timer display mode.

5 11. The camera of Claim 1, further comprising a language selector which selects one of a predetermined group of languages to be displayed, wherein the controller controls the display to display with the one selected by the language selector, in the plurality of display modes.

10 12. A camera comprising:

a display using a dot-matrix which displays information about a photographic object in arbitrary display form,

15 a detector which divides a photographic object field into a plurality of photographic areas, and which detects information about the photographic object in each of the photographic areas, and

20 a controller which controls the display to display in a divided form wherein configuration of each of the photographic areas thus divided are displayed, and the information about the photographic object detected in each of the photographic areas is displayed within the configuration associated.

25 13. The camera of Claim 12, wherein the detector is a photometry device which divides the photographic object

field into the plurality of photographic areas, and which detects photometric information in each of the photographic areas, and

the information about the photographic object is
5 the photometric information in each area.

14. The camera of Claim 13, wherein the photometric information is information about a deviation in each area, to a photometric information in a specific area.

15. The camera of Claim 13, wherein the camera has an auto-exposure lock function, and wherein while the auto-exposure lock function is operated, the controller controls the display to display in the divided form.

16. A camera comprising:

a display using a dot-matrix which displays information about photographic conditions in arbitrary display form,

a detector which detects whether a camera body postures horizontally or vertically,

an operation member which can be manually operated, and

a controller which changes a direction, in which the information is displayed on the display, based on a posture of the camera body detected by the detector, at a time of operating the operation member.

25 17. The camera of Claim 16, at time of changing the

direction, an arrangement of the information about photographic conditions is changed.